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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Asotin County

In December 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Tina M. Anderson** (HC00149395) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly called in prescriptions for a patient, without physician authorization, in exchange for money payment. She was convicted of three counts of attempting to obtain a controlled substance through fraud.

Benton County

In December 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Natae G. Gibson** (NC60120588) and placed her certification on probation for two years. She was convicted of theft, and the Oregon State Board of Nursing has taken action against her certificate to practice as a nursing assistant in Oregon. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Clallam County

In December 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Corean O. Barnes** (NC10098646) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of driving while license suspended or revoked, violation of a no contact order — domestic violence on more than one occasion, malicious mischief, driving under the influence, two counts of rape, and unlawful imprisonment. He allegedly failed to reply to department inquiries regarding the convictions.

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In December 2009 the Registered Counselor Program denied the application of **Johnny F. Watts, Jr.** (RC60089161). He was convicted of assault on more than one occasion, two counts of tampering with a witness — domestic violence, possession of a controlled substance — methamphetamine on more than one occasion, and three counts of unlawful possession of a firearm.

Grays Harbor County

In December 2009 the Surgical Technologist Program granted the application of **Hayley C. Miller** (ST60116679) and placed conditions against her registration. She was convicted of driving under the influence, and entered into a deferred prosecution for hit and run — unattended. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Island County

In December 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Krysten N. Kimmel** (NA60002313) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of assault.

King County

In December 2009 the Medical Commission placed the license of physician **Peter Balousek** (MD00035044) on probation for three years. The care he provided to a patient was below the standard and created an unreasonable risk of harm to the patient, resulting in patient death.

In December 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Courtney Renae Barber** (NC60102052) and placed her certification on probation for 18 months. She entered into a deferred prosecution for assault — domestic violence. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In November 2009 the Nursing Commission denied the application of registered nurse **Sharon Renee Beadle** (RN60100143). She applied to reactivate a registered nurse license but has never held a license to practice as a registered nurse in Washington

In December 2009 the Dental Commission placed the license of dentist **Richard Calvo** (DE00009044) on probation for three years. He was convicted of trafficking in stolen property, and theft. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In December 2009 the Medical Commission released physician **Matthew R. Crouthamel** (MD00047066) from terms and conditions set against his license. Dr. Crouthamel's license is unrestricted.

In December 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Debra E. Marx** (NC10012040) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly administered intravenous medication to a patient about six times. This is outside of the scope of practice for a nursing assistant in Washington.

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In December 2009 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Paul S. Rotwein** (DE00007883) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly provided dental services below the standard of care while placing a bridge on a patient, performing a root canal on a different patient, and placing a crown on another patient.

In November 2009 the Health Professions and Facilities Program charged **Seattle Motor Inn** (FS60013366) with violations of WAC 246-360. The inn allegedly had widespread maintenance and sanitation violations.

In September 2009 the Medical Commission charged physician **Virginia T. Stevens** (MD00030208) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly practiced below the standard of care while performing a breast reconstruction and using a medical device for an off-label purpose. She also allegedly abused alcohol and had sex with a patient. She signed an agreement not to practice medicine until she receives permission from the commission.

Kitsap County

In December 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Bonnie Lee Nelson** (NC60116922) and placed her certification on probation for one year. She was convicted of driving under the influence and concealment of merchandise. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In December 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Roxanne D. Warren** (NC10019926) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly borrowed \$3,800 from a patient.

In December 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the probation order against certified nursing assistant **Brittney N. White** (NC10093445).

Pierce County

In November 2009 the Registered Counselor Program denied the application of **Perry T. Dyer** (RC60042907). He was convicted of assault — domestic violence, and failed to appear at the pre-hearing conference.

In December 2009 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Uriah T. Hill** (CO60113797) and placed his certification on probation for two years. He was convicted of possession of methamphetamine, and theft. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

In December 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Kimberley J. Templeton** (HC00147463) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of seven counts of violation of the uniform controlled substances act.

In December 2009 the Massage Therapy Program charged **Aisha N. Viera** (MA60022044) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of child assault.

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Snohomish County

In December 2009 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy technician **Shirley G. Molina** (VA00056467) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took large quantities of hydrocodone from her place of employment, and was convicted of acquiring a controlled substance by deception and subterfuge.

In December 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Cameron E. Sheppard** (NC10049044) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of assault.

In December 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Michael R. Tucker** (NC10081370) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly made inappropriate comments to multiple patients.

Spokane County

In December 2009 the Massage Therapy Program denied the application of **Loretta A. Clark** (MA60097219). Her license to practice as a health care assistant in Washington was indefinitely suspended in 2006.

Whatcom County

In November 2009 the Health Professions and Facilities Program charged the **Shangri-La Motel** (FS00002320) with violations of WAC 246-360. The motel allegedly had widespread maintenance and sanitation violation issues.

Out of State

Nebraska: In November 2009 the Nursing Commission denied the application of registered nurse **Amanda Mary Rhodes** (RN60066855). Her license to practice as a registered nurse in Nebraska was suspended.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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